Dear Parents:

Today we used some of these books, fingerplays, and other materials in our toddler and preschool storytimes. Please continue helping your child develop a love for books and reading by sharing these rhymes, books, and other activities with your child.

### Books To Share

- **Kitten's First Full Moon**  
  by Kevin Henkes
- **Cat Tale**  
  by Michael Hall
- **A Kitten Tale**  
  by Eric Rohmann
- **Mama Cat Has Three Kittens**  
  by Denise Fleming
- **Have You Seen My Cat?**  
  by Eric Carle
- **Cat the Cat, Who is That?**  
  by Mo Willems
- **How to Be a Cat**  
  by Nikki McClure
- **Cat Count**  
  by Betsy Lewin
- **If you Give a Cat a Cupcake**  
  by Laura Numeroff
- **Nini Lost and Found**  
  by Anita Lobel
- **Dewey: There’s a Cat in the Library!**  
  by Vicki Myron
- **Bad Kitty**  
  by Nick Bruel
- **Pete the Cat series**  
  by Eric Litwin
- **Splat the Cat picture book series**  
  by Rob Scotton

### Fun With Fingerplays and Songs

#### Five Little Kittens

Five little kittens standing in a row.  
*(Stand all five fingers up on one hand)*

They nod their heads to the children so.  
*(Bend your fingers in a "nod")*

They run to the left, they run to the right.  
*(Move hand/fingers to the left, then right)*

They stand up and stretch in the bright sunlight.  
*(Stand fingers, stretching high)*

Along comes a dog, who’s in for some fun.  
*(Bring other hand out like a dog chasing)*

M-e-oooow, see those kittens run!  
*(Have hand “run” behind back)*

#### I’m a Little Kitten

(tune: “I'm a Little Teapot”)

I’m a little kitten, soft and furry.  
I’ll be your friend, so don’t you worry.  
Right up on your lap I like to hop.  
I’ll purr, purr, purr and never stop.

#### If You’re a Cat and You Know It

(tune: “If You’re Happy and You Know It”)

If you’re a cat and you know it say meow, “meow”.  
If you’re a cat and you know it say meow, “meow”.  
If you’re a cat and you know it, 
And you really want to show it, 
If you’re a cat and you know it say meow, “meow”.  
(continue with more verses)

- If you’re a cat and you know it lick your paws…
- If you’re a cat and you know it purr like this…
- If you’re a cat and you know it pounce like this…
I Know a Cat
(tune: “B-I-N-G-O”)
I know a cat with perky ears,
and Kitty is her name-o.
And Kitty is her name-o.
She makes a sound and it’s “Meow”
and Kitty is her name-o.
and Kitty is her name-o.

Little Mousie
Here’s a little mousie,
Peeing through a hole,
(Make a fist with one hand and poke your index finger with the other hand through the fist)
Peek to the left, (Wiggle your index finger to the left)
Peek to the right, (Wiggle it to the right)
Pull your head back in,
(Pull your finger inside your fist)
There’s a cat in sight!

Warm Kitty
(Make one hand into a fist, just like a little cat curled up to sleep. Take other hand and stroke your “cat” very, very softly.)
Soft kitty, warm kitty,
Little ball of fur.
Happy kitty, sleepy kitty,
Purr, purr, purr.

Cat Talk
Cats can meow.
Cats can growl.
Cats can purr.
Cats can yowl.
Cats can arch their backs and hiss,
Just like this…!
(bend over, arch back and hold up hands like paws and hiss.)

Other Fun Things

Cat Masks
Supplies: Paper plates, glue, craft sticks, construction paper, colored tissue paper, pipe cleaners, pom-poms.
Directions: Create masks using paper plates. Cut eye-holes in the plates. Tape craft sticks onto the plates so they can be held up to the face. Use different craft materials to create the face: pipe cleaner whiskers, construction paper ears, pom-pom noses, and colored tissue spots for fur.

Three Little Kittens' Mittens
Cut out three pairs of mittens from different colored felt. Have your child pick out one mitten, and then find it's match.

Cat Word Games
Together with your child, say words that rhyme with “cat”. Think of names for a cat that begin with “C”.

Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library
Learning to read begins before your child starts school.
Help your children develop early literacy skills now; this makes it easier for children to learn to read once they begin school.
Five of the best ways to help your child get ready to read are:

- Talking
- Singing
- Reading
- Writing
- Playing

If you would like more information, please ask the staff in the children’s area.

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